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UNIVERSITY SQUAD HAS OUTDOOR WORK

George Washington Players Practice at Field.

PROSPECTS SEEM BRIGHT

Coach White Has Practically Decided on Line-Up—Several Good Pitchers Available.

Yesterday afternoon the George Washington University baseball squad took its first afternoon of outdoor work. For three weeks the Blue and White men have been working indoors at the National Guards' Armory, and are in splendid condition for active field work. The diamond at University Field is not in very good shape at present, but Manager Sutton has started several laborers to work upon it, and it will soon be ready for hard practice.

Hard Work Monday.

Practice yesterday consisted in batting flies to the outfielders, and the pitchers tossed balls to the men for batting practice. Monday afternoon Coach White will begin to work the men for the big game Saturday at Annapolis with the Navy. This is the first game of the year, and indications point to Dr. White being able to take with him the finest ball team turned out by the university in many years.

In the pitching and catching department, the team will be much stronger than last season, and other positions will be strengthened proportionately. Four or five men are trying for backstop, including such as Tom Bradley, who was awarded the best catcher's prize in the Church League last year; Wilkie, of last year's varsity; High, a medical man, and Weber. Judging from the showing made so far, Bradley will do the bulk of the catching.

Eight Pitchers.

Eight men are trying for box honors. They are Hutchinson, Holland, Burkett, James, Thomas, Carl, Shore, and Salisbury. Hutchinson is the star left-hander of the Gunton-Temple team of the Church League, and it is predicted that under the coaching of such a great southpaw as Dr. Harry White he will show much improvement over last year. Holland and Burkett were on the team in 1904, and appear in fine condition. James is a coming twirler, showing development every day.

At first base, Webb and Sheep are the candidates. Both of these men played college ball in the South, the first with Wake Forest and the second with the University of North Carolina. Captain Stevenson will probably be second base. At shortstop, Van and Orrison appear about evenly matched in speed, although "Van" shows better form than Orrison.

Bielski at Third.
Bruce Bielski has decided to come out for the team, and will try for third base. Douglass is also a candidate for third.

To pick his outfield, Coach White has Price, McMahon, Wilcox, Warner, and several others. The outfield will be much stronger than last year. Coach White will not be able to decide for a day or two as to who will play, but Warner will probably play left field, Price center, and Wilcox or McMahon right field.

AGRICULTURAL WON THREE FROM WAR

Few Good Scores Made in Departmental League Set—Ausmus Was High Man With 223.

In the Departmental League last night the Agricultural team won three straight games from the War quint, the feature of the set being the few good scores made by the different players. Ausmus, of the War team, was high man with 223, with Rice, of the Farmers, second with 213, and Barrman, of the same team, the only other man who reached the two hundred mark.

The scores:

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| Agriculture | 1st | 2d | 3d |
| Rice | 199 | 195 | 213 |
| Seaton | 154 | 135 | 185 |
| Williams | 158 | 149 | 153 |
| Barrman | 184 | 201 | 192 |
| Field | 165 | 166 | 165 |
| Totals | 869 | 846 | 877 |

War.

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| Evans | 1st | 2d | 3d |
| Seltz | 173 | 191 | 179 |
| Ausmus | 223 | 190 | 169 |
| Smith | 152 | 150 | 169 |
| Allen | 152 | 154 | 115 |
| Totals | 859 | 786 | 806 |

*Started in seventh box of second game.

More Signal Practice For Senatorial Band

Players Having Trouble in Mastering Code. Tom Hughes Has Speed—Game With Virginia This Afternoon.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., March 17.—More signal practice was the word this morning, with the Washington baseball club, and it needed the work.

Having so many new men on the team has made it necessary to start in as if there had never been a ball team in the Capital, and the coaching in this line will be strict and continuous from now until the season opens.

Hughes and Heydon.

Long Tom Hughes was in the box, and Heydon behind the bat. Hughes had an abundance of speed, even though he did not let himself out for fear of straining his arm. His movements were easy and graceful and those who know him say this will be the best season in his career. Like all the other pitchers he had trouble with the balk rule, and made enough balks this morning to allow a Czar Russian army to run home. His feet gave him more trouble than his arms, and he was constantly making some kind of a move with them that would have caused a runner to be advanced. Heydon had a good whip in the backstop position, and was especially effective in getting them down to first to catch a runner off the base. He was rily assisted in the backstop by Chick Green, who, as star rooster and boss-in-chief, undertook to do a little umpiring. Chick had on no mask or chest protector, but he stopped the balls, two fouls. One hit him in the shoulder and the other landed on his hand, putting him out of business. Between the expressed opinion that Tom Hughes is the fastest pitcher in the business, but this may be a biased view of the prowess of Long Tom.

Mullin Gets Mixed.

Mullin was on second this morning, and what the signals did to him was a shame. His movements had all the erratic uncertainty of those of a horse fly following a fast trotter. Neither he nor the batter could get through their heads which was to give the signal, the pitcher or the catcher. At times these batters gave the secret signs for things directly opposed to each other, and it was amusing but painful to see Mullin trying to go in two directions at once.

Wolfe Coaching.

Wolfe was at shortstop, but devoted most of his time and energy to giving advice. He was asked to chip in and as one of his legs was a little stiff and his stomach was too sore to bend over, he tried to make an impression by telling the other men in the field how to handle the balls he missed. The talk was well delivered, but as he was not essential, Manager Stahl soon chased the festive William off to the side lines to loosen up by throwing a few hot straight ones to Knoll.

The game between Washington and the University of Virginia this afternoon promises all sorts of sport, but it will not tell much. None of the professional pitchers will be allowed to hand out curves, and the make-up of the team will be constantly changed in order to give all the players a chance.

NOTES OF THE NOTABLES.

No one could ever look at Shaughnessy's head and face and hear his name called and think him an Italian. His head is of a brightness that makes a summer sunset look like a stormy morning in December, and one peep at his face would be enough to admit him into the innermost councils of the Clan Na Gael.

Little cross-country running has been done yet by the players, and they badly need it, because of the strenuous work on the diamond. Kittredge tried a few stunts across the hills, but the roads were so bad he gave it up.

The necessity for keeping Kittredge behind the bat to coach the pitchers has deprived Heydon and Knoll of many opportunities to show what they can do, and as yet they are practically unknown quantities with the mat and mask. They are willing workers, and are making up for lost time by playing in the field.

Big Frank Heusman still retains his old-time ability to swat the ball with mighty force, and this morning he made one of the longest hits ever seen on the grounds. He caught a perfectly straight swift ball square on the nose, and it went to the fence.

Stahl is also whanging out long ones in giving practice to the outfield.

Nil, the new second baseman, is a little fellow, but is lively on his feet, and should prove popular.

Chick Green arrived in this fair city yesterday afternoon. He had a glad, sweet smile, and a scented fall of other things for his friends. Call again, Chick, you are always welcome.

Case Patten is looking as fit as a fiddle, and says he feels that this will be the best year he has ever had. He does better than he did last year he will certainly be pitching magnificent ball, and Washington might have a chance to land in seventh place for a few days in the early part of the season, when batting lamps are dim.

The deep, rich color of the water in Charlottesville is so suggestive of that in Washington that it really makes you homesick.

Tom Hughes is very particular to impress upon all he meets that he is in excellent condition, and he looks the part. Thomas has been a bad boy in days gone by, but last year was straight as a string, and he promises to repeat that this season.

With Patten and Hughes, the Senators have two first-class pitchers, and between them they should land a game or two in those first twenty-four of New York, Boston, and Philadelphia. They are both willing to work hard all the time, and it is probable Manager Stahl will use them often in the first six or eight games in an effort to make a showing and encourage the team.

Jones creates a very favorable impression. He is a self-reliant fellow, who has had a number of years of experience in the fastest minor leagues, and seems to know the game well. The injury to his knee, received on Wednesday, has healed remarkably fast, and his jump is barely noticeable. He hits the ball hard and covers much ground in the outfield.

The strict prohibition against curves this early in the season has made it impossible to tell what batting lamps are dim and what are bright. Each man is confident that he will be able to beat the ball blue in the face, but there is a vast difference between banging the strikeouts and those that look like strikeouts.

SPORTING COMMENT.

BASEBALL.

Judging from its initial appearance at Kendall Green the other day Central High should have a strong baseball aggregation together by the time of the opening of the regular season.

Jesse Burkett, of the Boston Americans, is now down to 164 pounds and he will surprise some of the knowing ones before the league season is very old.

Clarke Griffith, of the New York Americans, says that he will root for the New York Nationals all through the season so if both Gotch and Jenkins get a pennant in their respective leagues the town folks will have an opportunity of seeing a royal battle for the world's championship. Better make sure of your own pennant first.

By a rearrangement of the Southern league schedule the mileage of each club is 300 miles shorter than last season.

Jack Thoney, the former Washington outfielder, has signed with the Indianapolis club.

Lajole has sidetracked Bill Swartz to Indianapolis, but as his big infielder's new salary is \$50 less each month than it was last year he will quit the diamond and follow rink skating.

One hundred and seventy thousand dollars is the profit which the New York Nationals have made in the past two years.

And still they come. Ned Hanlon, the Brooklyn manager, has harpooned McPhillips, of Manhattan College, and has a young twirler in the pen named him a try-out. When it comes to grinding out players for the big league, Manhattan takes the blue ribbon. Few of the teams in the American and National are without a Manhattan player on the rolls. Manhattan's representative on the local team is Mullin, the second baseman.

Ex-Captain Devlin, of Pennsylvania, will play with the Cape May baseball team next summer.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

George H. McFadden has been elected chairman of the Pennsylvania football committee in place of Sam Goodman. McFadden played on Penn's team in 1891 and 1892.

The following candidates have reported for the Lehigh field and track team: Pierce, Seyfert, Peters, Miles, Johnstone, Francis, Daub, Torrey, Luckie, Jessup, Bressler, Stein, Levering, Heck, Senz, Gausser, Kilmara, Brickett, Comus, Landis, Collins, Harris, Goyt, solo brothers, Tunstall, Stiles, Schwartz, Behney, Hetter, Levan, and Bayless.

This is the way they announced the arrival of Harvard's football coach at Cambridge: "Like a rope to a drowning sailor, like a relief corps to a starving garrison, like a gleam of hope in a chaos of dark despair, Bill Reid, Harvard's football coach, arrived in Cambridge today."

Why not add: Then bedlam broke loose, after which there was a wild medley of cheering, intermingled with uproarious applause.

V. Stevenson, the Washington boy, has reported for the Pennsylvania baseball team. If Steve is of as much assistance to the baseball team as he was to the football team, the Quakers will be in the dangerous on the diamond. Stevenson is trying for the box.

TOM ROLAND.

MULLIN



SECOND BASEMAN. Trying Against Nil.

GOTCH MATCHED WITH AMERICUS

Wrestling Bout Arranged for Next Wednesday.

THREE FALLS IN AN HOUR

Former American Champion Is Now Ready to Get Return Match With Jenkins.

Frank Gotch, the former champion catch-as-catch-can wrestler, has been matched to meet Americus of Baltimore, at the Washington Light Infantry Armory on next Wednesday evening.

Since winning his bout with Joe Grant here on February 23 Gotch has made a tour of the West defeating all the men he met, but at New York the other night he was defeated by Tom Jenkins, the man from whom he won the title some time ago.

Looked Like Winner.

Gotch lost the first fall but won the second with such ease that it was thought that he would win the championship match without much trouble.

In the final go, however, he had a reversal of form and seemed to the quick with the result that Jenkins got a good hold and with his great strength pinned the mighty Gotch to the mat.

The great strain through which Gotch went on his extended trip through the West interfered considerably with his preparation for the Jenkins go and he is now ready for any matter as soon as Jenkins will sign.

Americus Doing Well.

Americus has been showing fine form in all his bouts this winter, and as he has been in special training in the hope that he could get a match with Gotch, he is expected to be in prime shape when he shakes hands with the big fellow from Iowa.

The match will be a handicap one, Gotch agreeing to throw Americus three times in an hour or lose the side bets that have been made by the wrestlers and their managers.

Manager Turner, who is conducting the match, is now arranging for two or three good preliminaries to amuse the crowd while it is waiting to see one of the greatest wrestlers of his day.

CHASE WILL NOT JOIN NEW YORK AMERICANS

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 17.—Manager Griffith yesterday morning received a telegram from Hal Chase, of Los Angeles, stating that Manager James Morley, of that club, assures him (Chase) can play with the Los Angeles club this season. Chase says he intends to do this, if possible. The California player was drafted by Griffith, and the action of Morley in holding him is a violation of the national agreement. Griffith incensed at the action, which is believed to be the first move in the player-grabbing war of the smaller leagues against the two big organizations.

WASHINGTON GOLFER WON CLUB TOURNEY

PINEHURST, N. C., March 17.—The annual club championship tournament of the local golf club, begun on Saturday, has ended, Allan Lard, of the Columbia Golf Club, of Washington, defeating L. D. Pierce, of Boston, 5 up and 4 to play, in the thirty-six hole final round. The consolation went to J. D. Foot, of Apawamis, who defeated G. W. Lindsay of Philadelphia, 4 up and 2 to play, in an eighteen hole final round. The feature of the week was the twenty-two hole match between Mr. Lard and C. L. Becker, of Boston. In the semi-final round Mr. Becker had Mr. Lard dormie 3 on the fifteenth hole, but the Washington player took the last three holes in order, evening the match on the eighteenth and winning on the twenty-second. The medal play scores for the eighteen holes were 80 for Becker and 81 for Lard, and 87 each for the full twenty-two. The match between Mr. Becker and Mr. Foot in the first round was a hot one. Mr. Foot was dormie 6 at the eleventh hole, but he halved the twelfth hole in 4 and won the thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth in succession, losing the match, 3 and 2, on the seventeenth.

Y. M. C. A. ARRANGING FOR TENNIS SEASON

The Y. M. C. A. will soon start to get their courts in shape for this season's play, at the following places: Six courts at Twenty-first and B streets northwest, six courts at Sixth and D streets northeast. These two sections of courts were put in commission last year, and this year six more courts will be constructed at Thirteenth street and Columbia road. It is the plan of the tennis committee to have tournaments between these sections as soon as the men get in shape and the courts are in good working order. The program at the association gymnasium for Saturday evening follows: 8 p. m., wrestling bout between two lightweight of the association, wrestling club; 8:15 p. m., wrestling bout for the heavyweight championship of the association, wrestling club, between Swingle and Weber; two bouts of fifteen minutes, with three minutes' intermission; 8:45 p. m., indoor baseball game between the Central Y. M. C. A. team, of Baltimore, and the local association team. For Saturday week arrangements are being made to have the Carroll Institute team play the association basketball team at the association gymnasium. Saturday, April 1, the association basketball team will have its guests for a game of basketball the Richmond Y. M. C. A. team.

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